GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3735
ANSWERED ON:12.12.2001
REPRESENTATION OF NRIS IN LOK SABHA
THAAWAR CHAND GEHLOT

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Question of representation of NRIs in the Lok Sabha is under the consideration ofthe High level committee on the Indian Diaspora;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the composition of the committee; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to submit its report?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH)

a)&b) Yes, Sir. A demand has been made to the High Level Committee on the Indian Diaspora that there should be a representation for NRIs in the Parliament. The Committee has studied in detail all the demands and suggestions it has received.

c) Dr. L.M. Singhvi, MP (with the rank of Cabinet Minister) is the Chairman of the CommitteeOther members of the Committee are: Shri R.L. Bhatia, Member of Parliament and former Minister of State for External Affairs; Shri J.R. Hiremath, Indian Foreign Servic (Retd) and Shri Baleshwar Agrawal, Secretary General, Antar-Rashtriya Sahyog ParishadShri J.C. Sharma, Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs is the Member-Secretary to the Committee.

d) The Committee will be submitting its final Report before the end of this month.